



2013 Environmental Kitchen Cabinet Meeting Notes
Lewis & Clark State Office Building, March 11, 2013
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Sara Parker Pauley opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and expressed her appreciation for their time. She noted that these meetings were important as they provided the department leadership the opportunity to hear from constituents.

Prior Cabinet Meeting Priorities Revisited

Andrea Balkenbush gave a review of prior meetings and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Joe Engeln reported that the Department of Natural Resources currently has about 80 names for the Summer Professional Development Program. There have been meetings with the MU leadership system and other campuses that have offices for internships.

Kim Hoke provided an update on Data Mapping and noted that electronic permitting was up and running last summer. Electronic discharge reports and a department-wide integrated data system are two IT initiatives that are currently being developed. Leanne Tippet Mosby gave an update on the West Lake/Bridgeton Landfill situation and the utility waste landfill near Labadie.

DNR Initiatives Discussion

Robert Stout presented a PowerPoint on the *Our Missouri Waters* Initiative. Our Missouri Waters will become the encompassing way for the department to work with those in each 8-digit HUC watershed to support their water quality and quantity goals. The first watershed summit will occur in the Spring River in May with others to follow in the Big River and Lower Grand River watersheds.

Joe Engeln gave an update on the Community Service Center. The Community Service Center will build upon our State Revolving Fund efforts and join with partners outside the department to help smaller communities deal with the changing regulatory environment and provide them with the technical, managerial and financial help they need.

Sara gave an update on Compliance Assistance. Compliance Assistance will provide business, especially smaller businesses, with greater levels of technical assistance to understand and to meet their environmental goals.

Legislative Updates

Jay Atkins gave a quick update on our current legislation regarding DNR's fee bills. Bill Bryan gave an overview of the potential Parks bonding.

Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Program Presentation

Trish Rielly gave a presentation Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Program. The Section 319 program supports a wide variety of activities including: technical and financial assistance, education and training, technology transfer from one community or business to another, and demonstration projects.

The Environmental Protection Agency has been working with states to update guidance which includes increasing emphasis on impaired watersheds and on accountability measures. New guidance also places emphasis on states to update the nonpoint source management programs to target their highest priority activities and to streamline the department's processes, and become more efficient.

The guidance changes provided a great opportunity for the department to go through a process mapping exercise in order to align department efforts with EPA's guidance document and start implementing updated processes by 2013 and 2014.

Natural Resource Damage Restoration Presentation

Tim Rielly gave a presentation on the department's Natural Resource Damage Restoration efforts. The department and other state and federal agency partners strive to restore terrestrial or aquatic habitats that have been impacted by a release of a hazardous substance. They work to compensate the public losses of natural resources and their services by acquiring and/or restoring the equivalent of those resources that were damaged.

Facilitated Discussion

Turning Point technology was used ask the Environmental Kitchen Cabinet members a series of questions based on topics the group provided prior to the meeting. DNR staff and group members discussed responses after each question. The questions, results and discussion points are listed below.

1. Which is the most pressing environmental area for your organization?
 - a. Water supply 9%
 - b. Water quality 55%
 - c. Air quality 0
 - d. Hazardous /Solid Waste 9%
 - e. State Parks 18%
 - f. Energy 9%

Discussion: None

2. What is the most pressing environmental issue for the State of Missouri?

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| a. Water supply | 8% |
| b. Water quality | 42% |
| c. Air quality | 8% |
| d. Hazardous /Solid Waste | 8% |
| e. State Parks | 0 |
| f. Energy | 33% |

Discussion:

- Energy industry producers and related pollution was discussed
- Hazardous Waste and water issues and their effects

3. Which is the most pressing issue for your organization relative to DNR?

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| a. Pass thru funding | 0 |
| b. Regulation | 50% |
| c. Funding | 20% |
| d. Effective communication | 10% |
| e. Availability of data | 0 |
| f. Department efficiency | 10% |
| g. Other | 10% |

Discussion:

- DNR needs adequate funding so they can do their job.
- DNR's message to constituents on what and why it is important for the department to carry out their mission. Communicate what the benefit is.
- Many do not understand EPA's regulations and find compliance difficult.
- Partners should get out front to lead and follow through on benefits of DNR.
- Without data there can be no action which does not allow DNR to protect Missourian's health.
- People in St. Louis and Kansas City do not necessarily know what DNR does.
- The Legislature and funding; state citizens say environmental issues are important but the legislature does not respond. DNR could better sell the state's needs with appropriate funding to communicate these needs.

What can environmental groups do for DNR?

- External groups are DNR's best advocate.
- What is DNR's key message – DNR executive staff is in the process of developing.
- Group is available to provide DNR ideas and ways they can better market the value of clean air, water, parks, etc.
- Tell the DNR story better.
- Conservation Federation Water Summit, the department is now working with CFM on a Funding Summit for conservation and natural resource funding.

- Communicating, people value what they have, can DNR work with tourism?; State Parks is currently investigating.

4. What part of the regulatory process needs most improvement?

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| a. Permitting | 17% |
| b. Technical assistance | 17% |
| c. Inspections | 25% |
| d. Enforcement | 33% |
| e. Other | 8% |

Discussion

- DNR should have more surprise inspections.
- Inspections and enforcement (I/E) go hand in hand, may need stronger I/E than a strong permit.
- Permits are lax. Permitting is the other side of inspections.

5. Which is the most important criteria in environmental regulations?

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| a. Cost | 0 |
| b. Environmental protection | 42% |
| c. Practical implementation | 25% |
| d. Citizen's health | 33% |
| e. Enforceability | 0 |
| f. Other | 0 |

Discussion

- Amount of work to be done and the amount of resources. Group understands that there is more work than current resources.

To guide the Department's efforts to improve services, to what extent would each of the following be beneficial in engaging and communicating with your organization and members/staff?

- Not Very beneficial
- Somewhat beneficial
- Beneficial
- Very beneficial

1. Better department web site?

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| A. 0 | B. 55% | C. 18% | D. 27% |
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Discussion

- Web is not keeping up with technology.
- Lack of consistency in state website across the board.
- Confusing to find information and meetings.

- Hard to see, too much to see, needs to be better organized.
2. Single point of contact within the department for questions?
- A. 45% B. 27% C. 9% D. 18%

Discussion

- Unlikely that one DNR staff person will know everything that the requestor would need/
 - Option would be for the DNR staff person to assist in getting the correct answer and ensuring timely response to questions. Ombudsmen are valuable.
 - Would be beneficial to have someone that the environmental group could check-in with on issues.
3. Collaboration at the local regional level?
- A. 0 B. 9% C. 27% D. 64%

Discussion

- DNR isn't very visible in the St. Louis area community.
 - Our Missouri Waters Initiative is a good example of how the regional approach could work.
4. Additional methods of engagement?
- A. 9% B. 36% C. 18% D. 36%

Discussion

- Have more meetings in regional offices rather than all in Jefferson City.
- Group suggests that they could go on an inspection to have a better idea where the DNR issues are and what we encounter on inspection visits.
- Utilize short commercials or public service announcements to get word out about the department.

Ranking of questions from most effective to least effective based on group vote.

1. Collaboration at the local regional level
2. Additional methods of engagement
3. Better department web site
4. Single point of contact within the department for questions

To what extent do you feel each of the following program areas meet the needs of your organization in addressing your most pressing environmental issues?

- A. Excellent
B. Satisfactory
C. Somewhat

D. Poor/Not satisfied

E. No Opinion

Ranking Options	Program Rankings by Environmental Kitchen Cabinet Members								
	Air	DGLS	HW	LR	SW	WPP	Wtr Res	DE	Parks
a.Excellent	0%	10%	0%	0%	18%	0%	9%	9%	36%
b.Satisfactory	10%	10%	0%	0%	0%	30%	18%	27%	55%
c.Somewhat satisfactory	20%	0%	45%	18%	27%	60%	45%	9%	9%
d.Poor/not satisfactory	10%	0%	9%	0%	18%	10%	9%	18%	0%
e.No opinion/don't know	60%	80%	45%	82%	36%	0%	18%	36%	0%
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On average, how many DNR meetings to you and/or your staff attend a year?

- A. 0 10%
- B. 1-5 10%
- C. 6-10 40%
- D. >10 40%

Organization Reports

Travis Scott, Conservation Federation of Missouri

Missouri Trail Alliance, working on a comprehensive data base to identify trails and the gaps. Help make Missouri the trail state.

Susan Flader, Missouri Parks Association

Big River

Jameson Island, Bootheel/New Madrid Study

Taum Sauk Power Plant environmental assessment done last week –

Need to protect Church Mountain

Lorin Crandall, Missouri Coalition for the Environment

Jameson Island

Reduce nutrients

401 Certification

Restoration

Nutrient reduction strategy, would like to see it continue

Numeric criteria is necessary; it was removed but it's important

John Hickey, Sierra Club

Energy efficiency, it's important to have resident energy efficiency code.

Air quality, specific to St. Louis County and Franklin County – need more monitoring.

Holly Neill, Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition

319 projects – Mill Creek and Clean Marina pilot project

State of the Streams Report, Phase II

Stream Team state license plate available

Mentioned the River Rally this May in St. Louis

Dave Casaletto, Ozarks Water Watch

Clean Marina project

Interactive data web site for information on testing streams

Received the National Blueway designation for White River Watershed

Gopala Borchelt, Table Rock Lake Water Quality

Corps working on master plan with focus groups meetings to begin soon

Robert Stout is following for DNR

Water quality is #1 concern

Todd Sampsell, The Nature Conservancy

Framework for land conservation and restoration

Priority is land protection and restoration

More active on large water issues

Joe Pitts, James River Basin Partnership

319 grant near completion

National Blueway designation

More State Environmental Projects (SEPs) - the need for more polluters pay for sustainable funding

Scheduled for September 20 is a meeting for all four Kitchen Cabinet Groups.

Topic Suggestions

- Discuss Our Missouri Waters Initiative; subdivide into groups with representatives from each pilot watershed
- Examples of collaboration and partnerships by the different groups. What could the Kitchen Cabinet members collaborate on?
- Assign seats, set up as classroom style

Wrap Up

My issues were adequately addressed

A. Strongly agree	22%
B. Agree	78%
C. Disagree	0
D. Strongly disagree	0

The use of TurningPoint (keypads) was useful to today's discussion.

A. Strongly agree	56%
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| B. Agree | 44% |
| C. Disagree | 0 |
| D. Strongly disagree | 0 |

There was a good balance of information and discussion.

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| A. Strongly agree | 33% |
| B. Agree | 67% |
| C. Disagree | 0 |
| D. Strongly disagree | 0 |

Today's meeting was a good use of my time.

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| A. Strongly agree | 20% |
| B. Agree | 80% |
| C. Disagree | 0 |
| D. Strongly disagree | 0 |

Thank you